



## Writing Your Own Wedding Vows

It can be a daunting task to write your own wedding vows. Summing up your love, dreams and promises to your partner in a few short minutes can be overwhelming but at the same time, well worth the effort. It is a chance to share meaningful words with the person you have chosen to be your life partner.

### Some Tips to Consider Before You Start:

**1. Don't wait until the last minute!**

Aim to have your vows completed a few weeks before the big day.

**2. Make a list of all the things you might want say**

Jot down some dot points – think of things that come to mind when you think about your partner. How they make you feel, how you feel about them, how far you have come together, hurdles you have overcome together, your dreams for the future.

**3. Write a draft**

Write a draft you are happy with, leave it a few days, then come back and read it. This will ensure you are happy with the final product.

**4. Decide on the length of your vows together**

Talk with your partner and decide how long you want your vows to be. This ensures both parties prepare something of a similar length (it is not a nice feeling to have a couple of sentences and your partner arrives with three pages!) That said, also be mindful to ensure your vows are not too long. Remember that your guests are still present for your ceremony – anything from a couple of sentences up to half a page is a good length.

**5. Don't be afraid to ask for help!**

Writing your vows should not feel like an ominous task. If you are struggling to put your feelings on paper, ask for help. Approach your celebrant, a friend or family member to help.

### Before Committing Pen to Paper, Ask Yourself These Questions:

What does marriage mean to you?

What do you love about your partner?

What qualities and traits do you love most about your partner?

What are your similarities?

What are your differences?

What attracted you to your partner?

What are you prepared to say in front of your family and friends?

What are your hopes and dreams for the future?

## Some Key Words for Consideration:

Adore	Forever	Partner	Cherish
Soulmate	Bond	Committed	Passion
Blessed	Best friend	Promise	Complete
Happiness	Devoted	Hope	Fondness
Bond	Dreams	Journey	Desire
Future	Love	Family	Beloved
Inspiration	Loyal	Supportive	Affectionate
Fortunate	Respect	Honour	Sweetheart

## Some Sample Phrases for Consideration:

Together we can accomplish anything

All that I am, I give to you

I promise with all my heart

I will share my life with you

I want you by my side, through the good times and the bad

You are the love of my life

You are my best friend, my soulmate and today you become my wife/husband/partner



## Some Example Vows:

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{NAME}, I could stand here and tell you how much I love you, but those words mean nothing unless they are shown through actions.

- I promise to always laugh with you, and never take ourselves too seriously
- I promise to listen to you and always respect and value your opinions
- I promise to never take you for granted and always tell you I love you
- And I promise to choose you first always, a million times over – not because I have to but because I want to

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{NAME}, I love you. I love how handsome/beautiful you are. I love your kind heart. You are the most selfless, giving person I know and I love that you have chosen me to be your life partner.

I promise that I will always be the person you can count on, your best friend, your soul mate. I want to walk through life with you and face both the ups and downs together.

I promise that I will always be your bigger supporter, your biggest fan. I promise to love you, take care of you, respect and trust you for the rest of our lives. I love you with all my heart.

**3**

{NAME}, you and I both know how indecisive I can be. I simply don't like to make decisions. But if there is one decision in my life that I know is the right one, it is to spend the rest of my life with you. There are so many things I love about you. I love your thoughtfulness and your ability to keep me grounded. I love your loyalty to me and to our relationship. I love the way you get excited watching the footy, and I love how you laugh like a crazy person when you watch re-runs of Seinfeld.

I can't wait to start our new chapter in life together and I promise that I will always love you as much as I do today.

**4**

{NAME}, I knew from the very first moment I laid eyes on you that you were my forever. Someway, somehow, I was determined to make you mine. And from this day forward my heart is entirely yours.

As we continue to grow in our lives together, I promise to be with you in good times and bad, to pick you up if you are down, and to love you unconditionally.

{NAME}, you are my everything and this is my promise to you.

**5**

{NAME}, I used to think that we met by chance but now I know without a doubt that the universe put you in front of me because we were meant to be together.

You have filled my life with joy and have given me a sense of peace that I have never known.

You are my best friend and my biggest supporter. Although today marks the start of the rest of our lives, I know it will not be enough time with you.

I will not take our time together for granted. And because words alone cannot do it, I promise to show you, for the rest of my life, how much I love you.

I promise to encourage you to follow your dreams.

I promise to make you laugh when you are feeling down.

I promise to hold your hand through the good times and the bad.

I promise to be loyal and faithful and to put you before all else.

And I promise that when we are old and gray, we will look back on our lives together and have no regrets.

From this day forward you will never walk alone.

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I promise to encourage your compassion,  
Because that is what makes you unique and wonderful.  
I promise to nurture your dreams,  
Because through them your soul shines.

I promise to help shoulder our challenges,  
For there is nothing we cannot face if we stand together.  
I promise to be your partner in all things,  
Not possessing you, but working with you as a part of the whole.

Lastly, I promise you perfect love and perfect trust,  
For one lifetime with you could never be enough.  
This is my sacred vow to you, my equal in all things.

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I want to explain all the love I have for you. The kind of love that gives me butterflies and knots in my stomach. The kind of love where I can't imagine living a life without you in it.

You are my best friend, my lover, my confidante and my soul mate. You are kind, funny, and intelligent. Just the sound of your voice makes me smile. You are my biggest supporter and you accept my faults.

You make me want to be a better person every day. I take you exactly as you are, today tomorrow and always, to be my husband. Even when the day comes that we're old and gray, I promise to always see you with the same eyes and the same heart that I see you with at this exact moment.

So today, I promise to honour you and respect you, support you and encourage you. I promise to love you, dream and celebrate with you, and walk beside you through whatever life brings us.

I will laugh with you and comfort you during both happy and sad times. I promise to love you unconditionally for the rest of my life. You are my best friend and I'm the luckiest person in the world to be able to call you mine.

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{NAME}, you are my best friend. I promise to laugh with you, cry with you, and grow with you. I will love you when we are together and when we are apart. I promise to support your dreams and to respect our differences and to love you and be by your side through all the days and nights of our lives.

I love everything I know about you and I trust in the things that I will discover. Even before you asked me to marry you, I was yours, and I am devoted to you in every way. I marry you with no hesitation or doubt.

## Website Links with Wedding Vow Examples

<https://www.theknot.com/content/real-couple-vows>

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<https://www.easyweddings.com.au/articles/best-wedding-vows/>

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***Just remember to write from the heart and you can't go wrong!!***